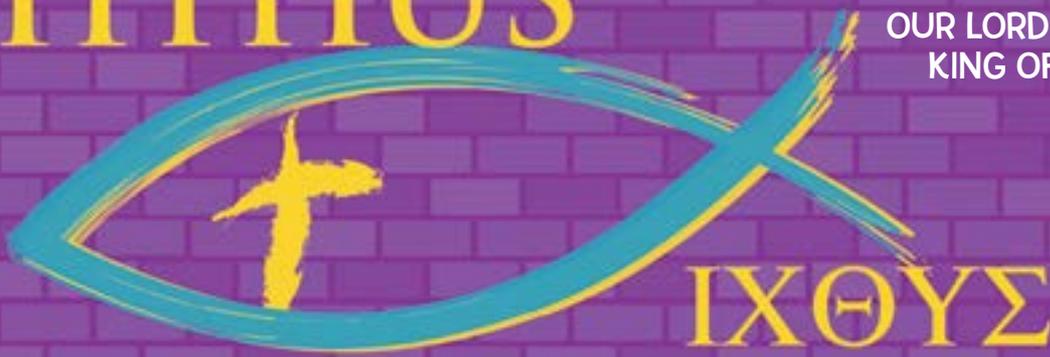


# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Year B



Jesus, you are king of the universe and king of my heart.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

## COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,  
grant, we pray,  
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,  
may render your majesty service  
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise...

We say these words  
or sing a hymn as the  
priest approaches  
the altar.

We ask for God's help.  
Listen now to the  
priest as he offers  
this prayer.



## DO YOU KNOW?

Our first and second readings are from **apocalyptic books**. The word "apocalypse" comes from a Greek word which means an "uncovering" or a "revelation". In fact, the **book of the Apocalypse** is also known as the **book of Revelation**. Both Daniel and Apocalypse were written for people who were **suffering for their faith**. They are **full of hope**, looking forward to the time when **God will overcome** all suffering.



## FIRST READING DANIEL 7:13-14

The Jewish people were living in difficult and dangerous times. King Antiochus Epiphanes had captured Jerusalem was forcing the people to give up their faith and worship other gods. The prophet Daniel uses a symbolic

vision to explain that God will overcome all the earthly problems that they face. The son of man will come on the clouds of heaven. God is a king like no other. When God comes in power to rule on earth, his reign will never end.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. The prophet Daniel gives a message of hope to the suffering people of God.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 92

The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.



## SECOND READING APOCALYPSE 1:5-8

As the Jews were suffering a time of persecution in the first reading, it is the Christians who are suffering when this book is written. It begins with a hymn of praise to Jesus, king of all kings who loves each

one of us. Jesus is the son of man who Daniel prophesied coming on the clouds of heaven in our first reading. For Christians, it is Jesus who is our hope and king, who makes God's power real in the world.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. By sacrificing himself Jesus has put everything right for us with God.



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!



## THINK

If we say Jesus is our king, we are saying that we follow Jesus' rules. What do you think are Jesus' rules? If we all make Jesus our king and live as he asks, together we could make the world a much better place.



## GOSPEL JOHN 18:33-37

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John.

Jesus is on trial for his life. He has been brought to Pilate, the Roman governor who has the authority to sentence Jesus to death. Yet Jesus is shown as being confident and the one who is really in charge. Jesus has just the right words to say. He explains that he could

have asked his followers to fight for him, like any other king might have done. But Jesus is not like any other king. Jesus' kingdom is not like any other kingdom. Jesus was born for this, the time when he shows that love is the power that will overcome all evil.

STAND to LISTEN to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. Before he reads the Gospel, what does he do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

"It is you who say it." Take a moment to sit quietly with Jesus. Ask Jesus to help you to really know and understand him. Ask him to be king of your heart. Amen.



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking about all the world leaders who have the power to rule. Give them wisdom and compassion as they make their decisions. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.



### OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you were unhappy and then think about all the times you were happy and full of joy. Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.



### MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving Lord, king of my heart, thank you for loving me. Help me to trust in you and your rules for my life. Amen.



is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



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